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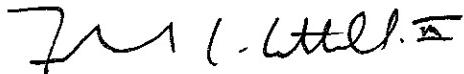
The Honorable Chief Judge Sue L. Robinson
United States District Court
District of Delaware
844 King Street
Wilmington, DE 19801

**Re: Medpointe Healthcare Inc. v. Apotex Inc. and
Apotex Corp., C.A. 06-164-SLR**

Dear Chief Judge Robinson:

In anticipation of the Rule 16 teleconference for Tuesday, May 23 at 8:30 a.m., the parties have discussed a proposed Rule 16 Scheduling Order. Enclosed is the product of those discussions. As is evident, the parties have agreed on certain paragraphs. However, where they disagree, we have inserted each party's position. In the interim, if the Court has any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to call.

Respectfully,



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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

MEDPOINTE HEALTHCARE INC.,)
vs.)
Plaintiff,)
APOTEX INC. and APOTEX CORP.,)
Defendants.)
vs.)
Civil Action No. 06-164-SLR

RULE 16 SCHEDULING ORDER

At Wilmington this _____ day of _____ 2006, the parties having satisfied their obligations under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f), and the court having conducted a pretrial scheduling conference pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 16 and D. Del. LR 16.2(a) and (b).

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. **Pre-Discovery Disclosures.** The parties have exchanged the information required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1) and D. Del. LR 16.2.
2. **Discovery.**
 - (a) Discovery will be needed on the following subjects: infringement, validity and enforceability.
 - (b) All fact discovery shall be commenced in time to be completed by [Plaintiff's version: July 31, 2007] [Defendants' version: January 31, 2007].

(1) Document production shall be completed on or before [Plaintiff's version: March 9, 2007] [Defendants' version: August 15, 2006 for documents within the control of the parties. Documents and depositions of third parties with letters rogatory to be dictated by the speed of the process. Third party subpoenas returnable middle of September 2006].

(2) Maximum of 25 interrogatories by each party to any other party.

(3) In the absence of agreement among the parties, contention interrogatories, if filed, shall first be addressed by the party with the burden of proof no later than the date established for the completion of document production, with the responsive answers due within thirty (30) days thereof. The adequacy of all such interrogatory answers shall be judged by the level of detail each party provides; i.e., the more detail a party provides, the more detail a party shall receive.

(4) Maximum of 50 requests for admission by each party to any other party.

(5) In the absence of agreement among the parties or by order of the court, no deposition (other than those noticed under Fed. R. Civ. P. 30(b)(6)) shall be scheduled prior to the completion of document production.

(6) Maximum of 10 fact depositions by plaintiff and 10 by defendants. Each fact deposition, other than of those conducted pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and for which a translator may be necessary, limited to a maximum of 7 hours unless extended by agreement of parties. In the event that a translator is necessary for a deposition conducted pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the parties shall cooperate to set a reasonable time limit for such deposition, which shall not exceed 14 hours.

(c) Expert discovery shall be commenced in time to be completed by [Plaintiff's version: November 16, 2007] [Defendants' version: April 27, 2007].

(1) Expert reports on issues for which the parties have the burden of proof due [Plaintiff's version: September 21, 2007] [Defendants' version: February 28, 2007]. Rebuttal expert reports due [Plaintiff's version: October 19, 2007] [Defendants' version: March 28, 2007].

(2) Expert depositions to be limited to a maximum of 7 hours per expert unless extended by agreement of the parties.

(3) All *Daubert* motions shall be filed as part of the parties' pre-trial order.

(d) Willfulness has not been asserted. If willfulness is later asserted, the Court will set a date by which the defendants must inform plaintiff as to whether it intends to rely on advice of counsel. If the decision is to rely on such advice, the scope of discovery shall include the materials provided by defendants to their counsel and whatever other materials related to the issues in dispute that defendants had in its possession at the time the advice was sought.

(e) Supplementation under Rule 26(e) due [Plaintiff's version: June 29, 2007 and October 31, 2007] [Defendants' version: within 30 days of the party learning its previous responses are incomplete or incorrect].

(f) **Discovery Disputes.**

(1) The court shall conduct in-person discovery status conferences on [Plaintiff's version: January 12, 2007] [Defendants' version: August 1, 2006] from ____ m. to ____ m., and on [Plaintiff's version: July 17, 2007] [Defendants' version: January 16, 2007] from ____ m. to ____ m., the time to be allocated equally among the parties.

(2) The court shall remain available to resolve by telephone conference disputes that arise during the course of a deposition and disputes over the terms of a protective order.

(3) Absent express approval of the court following a discovery conference, no motions pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 37 shall be filed.

(g) **Fact Witnesses to be Called at Trial.** Within one (1) month following the close of expert discovery, each party shall serve on the other parties a list of each fact witness (including any expert witness who is also expected to give fact testimony), who has previously been disclosed during discovery and that it intends to call at trial. Within one (1) month of receipt of such fact witness list, each party shall serve a list of each rebuttal fact witness that it intends to call at trial. The parties shall have the right to depose any such fact witnesses who have not previously been deposed in this case. Such deposition shall be held within one (1) month after service of the list of rebuttal fact witnesses and shall be limited to twenty (20) hours per side in the aggregate unless extended by agreement of the parties or upon order of the court upon good cause shown.

3. **Joinder of other Parties and Amendment of Pleadings.** All motions to join other parties and amend the pleadings shall be filed on or before [Plaintiff's version: May 11, 2007] [Defendants' version: September 6, 2006].

4. **Settlement Conference.** Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636, this matter is referred to Magistrate Judge Thyng for the purposes of exploring ADR.

5. **Claim Construction Issue Identification.** If the court does not find that a limited earlier claim construction would be helpful in resolving the case, on [Plaintiff's version: November 23, 2007] [Defendants' version: May 14, 2007], the parties shall exchange lists of

those claim terms that they believe need construction and their proposed claim construction of those terms. This document will not be filed with the court. Subsequent to exchanging such lists, the parties will meet and confer to prepare a Joint Claim Construction Statement to be submitted pursuant to paragraph 7 below.

6. Summary Judgment Motions. This action is currently scheduled for a bench trial. If a jury trial is later scheduled, the Court may set a date by which summary judgment motions shall be served and filed.

7. Claim Construction. Lawyers must identify, during the claim construction phase of the case, any claim language that will have a meaning to a person of ordinary skill in the art that differs from the ordinary meaning. Any language not so identified will be construed according to its ordinary meaning. The parties shall agree upon and file the Joint Claim Construction Statement on [Plaintiff's version: January 11, 2008] [Defendants' version: May 30, 2007], with the claim chart separately docketed. The parties will file simultaneous opening claim construction briefs on [Plaintiff's version: January 18, 2008] [Defendants' version: June 11, 2007]. Simultaneous response briefs should be filed by [Plaintiff's version: February 15, 2008] [Defendants' version: July 16, 2007]. Issues of claim construction shall be considered by the court in conjunction with trial.

8. Applications by Motion. Any application to the court shall be by written motion filed with the clerk. **The court will not consider applications and requests submitted by letter or in a form other than a motion**, absent express approval by the court.

(a) **Any non-dispositive motion should contain the statement required by D. Del.**

LR 7.1.1.

(b) No telephone calls shall be made to chambers.

(c) Any party with an **emergency** matter requiring the assistance of the court shall email chambers utilizing the "Email Request for Emergency Relief" and "Opposing Counsel's Response" forms posted on Chief Judge Robinson's website and email the completed forms to slr_civil@ded.uscourts.gov. The email shall provide a short statement describing the emergency. NO ATTACHMENTS shall be submitted in connection with said emails.

9. Motions in Limine. No motions in limine shall be filed; instead the parties shall be prepared to address their evidentiary issues at the pretrial conference and during trial (before and after the trial day).

10. Pretrial Conference. A pretrial conference will be held on [Plaintiff's version: April 4, 2008] [Defendants' version: September 18, 2007] at _____ m. in courtroom 6B, sixth floor Federal Building, 844 King Street, Wilmington, Delaware. The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and D. Del. LR 16.4 shall govern the pretrial conference.

11. Trial. This matter is scheduled for a 1 week bench trial commencing on [Plaintiff's version: May 12, 2008] [Defendants' version: October 1, 2007] in courtroom 6B, sixth floor Federal Building, 844 King Street, Wilmington, Delaware. For purposes of completing pretrial preparations, the parties should plan on being allocated a total number of hours, split equally between the plaintiff and defendants, in which to present their respective cases. If, however, a motion is filed by Apotex to reinstate its demand for a trial by jury and such a motion is granted, this Court will conduct a jury trial, the length of which will be determined after such motion is granted, with the time split equally between the plaintiff and defendants.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

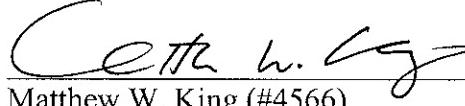
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on May 19, 2006, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of Court using CM/ECF, which will send notification of such filing, and hand delivered to the following:

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